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Nuevevidas International, Inc.
Post Office Box 25571
Dallas, Texas 75225

Dear [redacted]

I have received your September 30th letter expressing concern for the lack of positive results in the murder of Alex Odeh. We in the FBI are aware of and sensitive to the desires of the Arab-American community to have this matter resolved in an expeditious manner.

We strongly believe that senseless acts of violence cannot be tolerated in our society as a means of expressing dissent or political views. The FBI has committed significant resources to investigating those matters where it has been determined that terrorist activity is involved. Our investigation into the murder of Alex Odeh is being addressed by teams of our finest investigators, including members of our successful Terrorism Task Force operations in various major cities. In this case, as in all cases, it is of great importance to the FBI to bring about a successful resolution through the eventual prosecution and incarceration of the individual or individuals responsible for the crime. Such goals, however, do not lend themselves to any established schedule. Our efforts are continuing in an attempt to resolve the Alex Odeh case.

I have met with and have been in correspondence with [redacted] to assure him and members of his organization of our continued commitment to resolving the Alex Odeh case and to solicit their cooperation.

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Nuevevidas International, Inc.

September 30, 1986

Honorable William Webster,
Director,
Federal Bureau of Investigation,
Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Judge Webster,

As the [redacted]

[redacted] I find it increasingly difficult to explain to my American Arab friends the apparent lack of progress made by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in the matter of the attacks this community has suffered on its life and property. They have witnessed the splendid advances the Bureau has made under your direction and it is understandable they should feel their very real concerns have, so far, received rather less than the attention they have clearly deserved. This hard-working, patriotic community harbors a growing suspicion that events over which they have no control, and which they heartily deplore, have come to govern the degree of emphasis the Bureau places upon redressing the wrongs they have suffered and protecting their legitimate interests from a growing threat of domestic terrorism

The lack of success of the Bureau against a vicious bunch of unprincipled religious fanatics of markedly fascistic bent, unrepresentative of the Jewish people, its traditions and true interests, when contrasted with its record in other departments, is a difficult matter for those who have long felt a certain sense, justified or otherwise, of discrimination in these matters. I am writing to ask whether you might not find some tangible way of reassuring those whose interests are most vitally at stake that no considerations such as those suspected are at work to prevent the Bureau from bringing the full weight of its considerable experience and resources to bear upon the problem of bringing the murderers of Alex Odeh to justice?

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The FBI takes seriously its responsibilities to serve the American people. I appreciate your interest in writing and giving me an opportunity to explain our efforts in the Alex Oden case.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William H. Webster".

William H. Webster
Director